

Amendments To the Abstract:

In the PCT application, amend the abstract on page 17 lines 1-7 as follows:
Methods and apparatuses consistent with the present invention facilitate the transition from a legacy network {32(1)} to an upgraded network {32(2)} by providing a converter {16} that communicates between the legacy network and the upgraded network. The converter {16} is provisioned such that legacy devices, such as Optical Network Units (ONUs) {26}, appear as upgraded devices to the upgraded network {32(2)}, while the upgraded network {32(2)} looks like a legacy network to the legacy devices.